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LAST. ESTABLISHED THIS DATE BY SURVEILLANCE THAT LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS IS A STUDENT AT COLUMBIA UNIV., NYC. STUDENT DIRECTORY FOR COLUMBIA UNIV. REFLECTS THAT LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS IS A NON-MATRICULATING STUDENT IN GENERAL STUDIES AND THAT HE IS ATTENDING THE UNIV. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE GI BILL OF RIGHTS. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO CONTACT RELIABLE AND ESTABLISHED SOURCES AT COLUMBIA UNIV. IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN BACKGROUND INFO PERTAINING TO JEFFERS. NYO WILL ATTEMPT TO PHOTOGRAPH JEFFERS ON DEC. FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN NEXT. IT WAS NOTED FROM SURVEILLANCE THIS DATE THAT JEFFERS COULD BE READILY IDENTIFIED FROM THE PHOTO WHICH WFO FURNISHED NY OF JEFFERS, WHICH WAS TAKEN IN SEPT., NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. IT IS ALSO TO BE NOTED THE SUBJ MATTER OF THIS TEL ALSO DELAS WITH YOUR CASE ENTITLED "LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, WAS, SM-C." INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants referred to in the report of SA [redacted] dated January 4, 1950, at New York, are identified as follows:

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T-1 [redacted] Port Richmond Post Office Station, Staten Island, New York

T-2 An unidentified United States Post Office Carrier, contacted by Confidential Informant T-1

T-3 Suitable pretext interview conducted by SA [redacted]

T-4 Suitable pretext telephone calls made by [redacted] a switchboard operator in the New York Office

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T-5 Suitable pretext call to [redacted] at Glenmore 2-1062 by the writer on December 9, 1949

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T-7 [redacted] Bushwick Post Office Station, 1075 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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T-8 An unidentified informant described in Washington Field letter to the Director dated January 28, 1949, as an [redacted]

T-9 [redacted]

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T-11 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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T-12 [redacted]

T-13 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on October 29, 1947

T-14 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on October 31, 1947

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TITLE <b>LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reentered Columbia University, NYC, September, 1949, as a full-time matriculating student; working toward a B.S. degree in writing. Current schedule consists of 20 points in English, composition, and French.

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-359726.  
Report of SA **[REDACTED]** New York, 1/4/50.

## DETAILS:

At New York City.

Records, Columbia University, New York City, reflect that LANCE JEFFERS, 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York, reentered Columbia University as a matriculating student in September, 1949. He is currently working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in writing, and his schedule consists of 20 points composed of English, composition, and French. To date, he has earned 69 points of the necessary 124 points which are needed for graduation.

The records further reflect that JEFFERS was a student at Columbia University in the spring of 1946, at which time he earned 15 points in English and composition.

JEFFERS listed as his nearest relative his mother, Mrs. DOROTHY JEFFERS, 581 25th Avenue, San Francisco, California. In 1946,

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JEFFERS resided at 45 West 66th Street, New York City, telephone number TRafalgar 7-8455, and as of July 10, 1946, his address was reflected as 38 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The records also reflect that JEFFERS is a veteran of World War II and is currently studying under scholarship and subsistence provisions allowed under the "GI Bill of Rights".

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Reference is made to Bureau teletype to New York dated December 16, 1949, entitled [REDACTED] ESPIONAGE - R", which authorized the contacting of reliable and established sources at Columbia University for the purpose of ascertaining background information pertaining to LANCE JEFFERS.

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The indices of the New York Office reflect the following references to the name of [REDACTED] which may be identical with [REDACTED] of THEODORE WARD, JEFFER'S landlord, at 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York. Information pertaining to THEODORE WARD was set forth in the previous report:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that one [REDACTED] address unknown, was a member of the BEN DAVIS CLUB, Communist Party, USA, 2315 Seventh Avenue, New York City, in 1944. The informant advised that this was a [REDACTED] however, he was unable to furnish any additional identifying data.

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The indices further reflect that one [REDACTED] no additional identifying data, was a member of the Board of Directors for the Consolidated Tenants League, Incorporated, in 1944.



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The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated January 26, 1950, at New York, is identified as follows:

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T-1 [redacted] (a former informant who is deceased).

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*MRS* LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS and his  currently residing at 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York. He is currently attending Columbia University as a non-matriculating student in the field of "General Studies".

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**REFERENCE:**

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Report of SA  8/2/49,  
at Washington, D. C.  
Washington Field letter to Bureau,  
10/25/49, entitled:

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ESPIONAGE - R.

**DETAILS:**

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**  
At New York City, New York

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the occupant of 1445 Castleton Avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York,  The informant stated that he does not know the subject, and that there is no change of address on file for him.

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The informant later contacted Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, and ascertained that mail frequently comes for the

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JEFFERS, which is accepted by the [ ] and is not returned to the post office.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, contacted [ ]

[ ] and [ ] advised that the subject and his wife resided with him for several weeks until after their return from Washington, D. C. until they secured an apartment in Brooklyn. [ ] advised the informant that his wife and the subject's wife were both employed in similar work, and had been friends for several years. He stated that he did not know the subject's present address.

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, contacted [ ]

[ ] on December 9, 1949. He advised that his wife should be contacted at the Salvation Army in New York City.

The informant contacted [ ] on the same date, and she advised that LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, and his [ ] are currently residing at 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York. She advised that the JEFFERS could be contacted through their landlord's, THEODORE WARD'S, telephone, number Glenmore 2-1062. [ ] also advised that [ ] is currently employed by [ ] telephone number, Cordlandt 7-9700.

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Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, contacted [ ]

[ ] on December 9, 1949. She advised that LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS and his wife have an apartment on the third floor of this building.

The Brooklyn Address-Telephone Directory dated November 18, 1949 reflected the following listings for 717 Monroe Street:

THEO WARD, Glenmore 2-1062;  
[ ]

The Manhattan Telephone Directory lists THEO WARD, 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number, Glenmore 2-1062.

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The Manhattan Address-Telephone Directory dated November 10, 1949 lists the subscriber to Cordlandt 7-9700 as the United Service for New Americans, Incorporated, 13 Park Row, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on December 12, 1949 that [ ] subscribed to Glenmore 2-1062. The informant advised that [ ] made

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the required deposit in lieu of furnishing credit information. The informant further advised that there is a listing to THEODORE WARD, 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York, to Glenmore 2-1062. The informant stated that this telephone was connected on October 21, 1949.

SA [redacted] and the writer observed LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS leaving 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York, on the morning of December 13, 1949, carrying several books and a small leather briefcase. JEFFERS was surveilled from this address to the campus of Columbia University where it was ascertained through the Student Directory that he is a non-matriculating student there. The Student Directory also reflected that he is attending classes in "General Studies", and that he is attending Columbia University under the provisions of the "GI Bill of Rights".

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In the May 24, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, there appeared on page 13, column 4, under the caption "Movies", a "Letter to 'Home of the Brave'", which was a critical article on this movie by LANCE JEFFERS. JEFFERS stated the following in his letter:

".....First, it tells the American people that the Negro people are cowardly; accepting their alleged inferiority; that they do not want equality.

".....Secondly, 'Home of the Brave' tells the American people that the Negro people are not opposed themselves to their involvement, and therefore have no right to struggle.

".....Obviously, 'Home of the Brave's' philosophy is part and parcel of the phony 'free enterprise' philosophy....."

An article appears in the May 1, 1949 issue of "Career", news publication for the United Office and Professional Workers of America, on page 4, column 3, under the heading, "Two locals go to protest against Jim Crow", and the sub-heading, "Negro Case Workers Hired at USNA". This article stated, "Less than three months after Local 19's 'Jobs for Negroes' Conference to hire Negro professionals, two Negro case workers have been hired in the Family Service Department of the United Service for New Americans."

[redacted] will be one of the first Negro professionals at USNA to have direct contact with clients, primarily Displaced Persons....."

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Reference is made to New York teletype to the Bureau dated December 13, 1949, requesting approval to contact established and reliable sources at Columbia University in order to review his academic record, and obtain any additional background information which would be of assistance to this investigation.

Confidential Informant T-7, of unknown reliability, was interviewed by the writer at the Bushwick Post Office Station, 1075 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on December 13, 1949. He advised [redacted] three families at 717 Monroe Street; namely, the WARDS, the JEFFERS, and the [redacted]. He stated that the WARDS and the [redacted] have lived at this address for a period in excess of one year, and that the JEFFERS have lived at that address for approximately six months.

Confidential Informant T-8, of unknown reliability, advised in January, 1949 that the name of [redacted] appears on the Mailing List of the "USSR Information Bulletin", which is published by the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.

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Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on December 5, 1945 that THEODORE WARD of the National Maritime Union, and [redacted] could be reached at their home at Glenmore 2-1062. According to the informant, [redacted] advised V. J. JEROME that TED WARD had received a \$500 award from the Theatre Guild, which was based on "Ourland", a play concerning the Civil War. The informant also stated that WARD attended a ten weeks seminary. The informant further advised that JEROME made arrangements to meet WARD on Friday.

Confidential Informant T-6, previously mentioned, advised on December 5, 1945 that the subscriber of Glenmore 2-1062 [redacted]

The indices of the New York Office failed to reflect any additional references to [redacted] and there is no record for [redacted]

The following are references to THEODORE WARD, which are believed to be identical with THEODORE WARD, the landlord of LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS:

The September 18, 1940 issue of the "Daily Worker", on page 7, column 8, reflects a photograph of THEODORE WARD under the caption, "An Anti-War Night". There appears the following information under this photograph:



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"THEODORE WARD, General Manager of the Negro Playwrights Company, author of 'Big White Fog', the company's first production, will be one of the speakers at the anti-war program arranged by TAC at Manhattan Center tonight. 'A Piece of Your Mind....For Peace!' will be presented."

There appears a reference to a THEODORE WARD, 475 West 152nd Street, which reflects that this individual was a member of the "League of American Writers, 1941".

The letterhead for American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, New York Committee, reflects that THEODORE WARD, 475 West 152nd Street, New York City, was a sponsor of this organization, 1941. The same THEODORE WARD signed a petition sponsored by the Citizen's Committee to free BROWDER in March, 1942. It is not definitely known whether this THEODORE WARD is identical with the THEODORE WARD who is currently living at 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The Manhattan Address-Telephone Directory failed to reflect any listing for anyone by the name of WARD between numbers 450 and 479 West 152nd Street, New York City. There was no listing for the number 475 West 152nd Street.

The September 22, 1946 issue of the "Daily Worker", section 2, page 9, column 2, states, "Plans for a Marxist literary magazine aiming to advance the beliefs and working class literature in America were announced this weekend by the editors of 'Mainstream', a literary quarterly....." The name of THEODORE WARD appears on the editorial board of this publication. A photograph of THEODORE WARD appears on the same page, column 4.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, described THEODORE WARD as a Party member who stopped attending "units" in 1940 in order to do cultural work on plays. The informant stated he had many disagreements, but always wound up working for the Comrades again. The informant stated that he is dark, about five feet seven inches tall, medium build, 155 pounds, kinky hair, wears a moustache, and is a quiet and demure person. The informant advised he is now engaged in theatre and playwright work, and circulates throughout the country among all types of intellectuals, black or white.

A brochure announcing "Mainstream" stated that the first issue of the above publication would be published January, 1947. Listed among other contributors to this publication under the title, "Critical Essays", is the name of THEODORE WARD. His name is also listed under the caption, "Critical Board".

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The January 19, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 13, column 5, in an advertisement by the New Century Publishers, which is headed, "Book Director Subscriber to 'Mainstream'", sub-heading, "Winter, 1947, Contents", there appears among the contents "The Dawn Swings In" (story) by LANCE JEFFERS, and "Five Negro Novelists: Revolt and Retreat by THEODORE WARD."

The February 11, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, column 2, under the heading, "First 'Mainstream' Off the Press", there appears in the first paragraph of this article, "Something new, strong, and handsome has been added to American culture. It is 'Mainstream', the new literary quarterly that went on sale yesterday at \$.50 a copy." This article also mentioned JEFFERS' article, "The Dawn Swings In", and WARD'S article, "Five Negro Novelists: Revolt and Retreat."

The January 2, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker", announced that a Marxist cultural monthly magazine, "Masses and Mainstream" was to appear in March, 1948, and again contained an article in the February 8, 1948 issue of the "Worker", section 1, page 17, column 4, which stated that it "provides Marxist initiative and leadership on the cultural front; fights for progressive ideas in literature, art, politics, science,....."

It is to be noted that the above magazine is a publication of the New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised on May 10, 1947 that THEODORE WARD, the author of the new Broadway play, "Ourland", was the guest of a group of actors from one of the downtown clubs, Communist Party, U.S.A., which presented an one act play concerning recruiting for the Ben Davis Club #1 of the Communist Party. The informant stated that this meeting took place on May 10, 1947 at 2315 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

The "Voice of Freedom" for January-February, 1949 carried an article announcing that the "Voice of Freedom Committee" was beginning its own radio show which would be sent to stations throughout the country. The transcribed show was to be written by THEODORE WARD and performed by outstanding Negro actors with the cooperation of the "Committee for a Negro in the Arts".

According to an article written by PAUL DENNIS in the "New York Post" newspaper, March 3, 1947 issue, there appears the following: "The Voice of America Committee has been formed under Dr. HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD", following a meeting with West Coast leaders who organized the Committee to put two liberal commentators back on the air. According to this article, [redacted] issued a

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preliminary statement for the Committee and announced that the Committee was to hold a dinner at the Park Central Hotel in New York City on March 5, 1947, and that it hoped to raise enough money to subscribe "liberal commentators now off the air".

The June 12, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 5, column 1, appears an article entitled, "500 at 'Artists Fight Back Rally' against un-Americans. A counter attack against show control was revealed by cultural figures at the Manhattan Center Rally held last night. [redacted] and JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, screen writers, and HANS EISLER, brother of GERHART EISLER, discussed the Hollywood Station before 3,500 at an 'Artists Fight Back' meeting sponsored by the literary quarterly, 'Mainstream'." Among those who addressed this gathering appears the name of THEODORE WARD. b6 b7C

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised on June 15, 1947 that THEODORE WARD headed a meeting held under the auspices of "Mainstream", a Marxist literary quarterly, on June 11, 1947. The informant stated that WARD is a Negro and that he is one of the editors of "Mainstream". At this meeting WARD spoke on the "Problem of Unity".

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised on October 29, 1947 that THEODORE WARD spoke on "Discrimination in the Theater" at a forum pertaining to Film, Radio and Press held at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York City. WARD stated that in New York's theaters Negro actors are associated with the stage, but they find it difficult to participate in any cultural activities. He also criticized the fact that within certain progressive democratic groups the Negroes have found it difficult to work in their productions. This fact usually seems to please un-American Committees in their strive to smother any sign of progressiveness. The Negro artists should have the same right to develop their art, as any other artist in America, regardless of race, creed, or political ideas, and for that reason he suggested that a resolution be carried at the end of the session establishing this fact.

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised on October 31, 1947 that THEODORE WARD, 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, is believed to be a subscriber to the "Daily Worker".

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised on April 6, 1948 that THEODORE WARD is listed as an "Adult Subscriber" to the "National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training."

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The March 30, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 5, reflects an article entitled, "Arts, Science and Professions for May Day". Among a list of subscribers there appears the name of THEODORE WARD.

The May 2, 1948 issue of the "Worker", page 27, column 5, carried an advertisement for the New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York City. This advertisement announces the contents for the May issue of "Masses and Mainstream". There appears among the contents, an "Open Letter to Soviet Writers.....Shout Halt!" by THEODORE WARD.

The May 16, 1948 issue of the "Worker", section 1, page 11, column 4, carried an advertisement announcing "Culture Against the War Makers." This advertisement announced that a "Masses and Mainstream" Rally is to be held on June 3rd at 8:00 P. M. at the Manhattan Center, Eighth Avenue and 34th Street, and among the speakers who are scheduled to appear, there appears the name of THEODORE WARD.

The October 19, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 7, column 5, reflects an article entitled, "500 Leaders in Arts and Science back WALLACE". Among the list of signers of the statement charging "bi-partisan alliance of THOMAS E. DUFFY and HARRY S. TRUMAN .... pledges support of WALLACE", there appears the name of THEODORE WARD.

The October 20, 1948 issue of the "New York Times" reflects an advertisement by the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions. In this advertisement there appears the name of THEODORE WARD among a list of individuals who are for WALLACE.

The December, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 10, column 5, reflects an article under the caption, "What's on --- Coming". This article states, "You should keep Friday the 17th open for there will be a symposium on Hollywood's new book, 'The Negro Liberation'." THEODORE WARD'S name is listed among the writers who will speak at this symposium.

The February 7, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 2, columns 3 to 5, contains an article by WARD entitled, "....Affable Judge of Trial on United States Democracy", and a photograph of THEODORE WARD. This is an attack on the trial of the eleven Communist leaders and particularly on Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

The March 8, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 13, column 5, reflected an article entitled, "CLIFFORD UDETS to Speak at Peace Conference,

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"March 27th." This article stated that [ ] will be [ ] for the theater on the Fine Arts Panel of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, which is to be held Sunday morning, March 27th, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Among the theatrical people who are sponsoring this conference there appears the name of playwright THEODORE WARD.

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The March 28, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 15, column 4, reflects an article entitled, "Fine Arts". This article stated that a cheering, packed gathering at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria had been addressed by DIMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH, [ ] and [ ] at the Fine Arts Panel. This article stated that THEODORE WARD was one of the speakers at this gathering.

The March 29, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 4, column 2, reflects an article entitled, "Parley to Map Fight of Stuyvesant Town Bias". THEODORE WARD'S name appears among the sponsors for a conference entitled, "Town and Village Committee to End Discrimination to be held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, on April 9, 1949."

Confidential Informant T-11, previously mentioned, advised on June 19, 1949 that THEO WARD attended the Paul Robeson Rally held on that date at the Rockland Palace.

Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, furnished on August 18, 1949 a two page pamphlet entitled, "Writers and Artists Committee to Free the Three", dated August 11, 1949. Under the sub-heading, "40 Writers and Artists Lecture Court House Captain on Democracy", there appears the following statement:

"Defending himself in the presence of 40 writers and artists who had come to see Judge MEDINA at Foley Square, Captain [ ] of the Federal Court House Guard contradicted his statement made to a similar delegation last week that Prosecutor McGOHEY had ordered him to prohibit Citizen Committees from seeing the Judge". This article stated that the delegation left a statement signed by sixty artists and writers protesting the refusal of Judge MEDINA to see the group. The name of THEODORE WARD appears among the signers.

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The August 17, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 9, column 1, reflects an article entitled, "Free WINSTON Banners Ring Detroit Building". This article stated that THEODORE WARD was one of a group of one hundred New York writers and artists who yesterday demanded immediate freedom for HENRY WINSTON, GILBERT GREEN, and GUS HALL. A photograph of THEODORE WARD appears in this issue on page 2, column 3.



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Confidential Informant T-6, previously mentioned, advised that the subscriber to Cortlandt 7-9700 is the United Service for New Americans, Incorporated, 15 Park Row, New York City. The informant stated that this telephone was installed prior to 1948 and that this firm has a bank account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 55 Broad Street, New York City. The informant continued to advise that [redacted] is the [redacted]

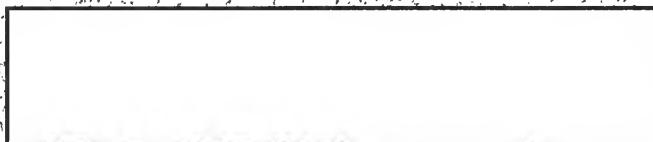
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[redacted] is the [redacted] and [redacted] is the [redacted] of this aforementioned firm.

Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised that the United Service for New Americans, Incorporated, is an unknown private organization and was formed to provide for refugees, and furnish shelter, food, and employment for immigrants to the United States. The organization was formed on September 1, 1946, and is a consolidation of the National Refugee Service and the National Service for Foreign Friends of the National Council of Jewish Women. The association's funds are raised from voluntary contributions, and from individuals, functions, and societies of the corporation. The outstanding agency of the United Service group is the United Jewish Appeal. The USNA occupies the ninth and twentieth floors at 15 Park Row, New York 7, New York.

Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability, advised on January 28, 1949, that though the USNA is obviously an employment/service for Displaced Persons and refugees, and attempts to find them jobs, places them in unions believed to be Communist, and that this is a front for the Communist Party. The informant stated that he based this conclusion on the fact that he has knowledge that a shop steward hired several men through this agency, and that two of them, who had just arrived in the United States, began agitation in the plant and were outspoken Communists. The informant continued to advise that the USNA is in a position to place foreign Communists in industrial plants.

Confidential Informant T-18 also advised that the officers of the United Service for New Americans, Incorporated, as of March 30, 1949, are as follows:



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JOSEPH P. CHAMBERLAIN, Honorary Chairman of the Board;

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LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS was photographed by [redacted] Photographer, New York Office, on December 15, 1949, while he was en route on foot between his residence at 717 Monroe Street and the Kosciusko Broadway line elevated station from the #1 truck.

The two photographic prints which were taken on December 15, 1949 as described in the aforementioned paragraph were forwarded to the Washington Field Office under separate letter dated December 15, 1949.

SA [redacted] assisted the writer in the file review of THEODORE YARD and LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS.

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LEADS

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At New York, New York

Will review the indices of the New York Office for [redacted] who  
may be [redacted] of THEODORE WARD, 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Will, upon Bureau's approval, contact reliable and established  
sources at Columbia University for the purpose of reviewing LANCE FLIPPIN  
JEFFER'S academic record, and in an effort to develop additional background  
information which would be of assistance to this investigation.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was:  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bureau file 100-359726

DATE: January 27, 1950

Re report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 4, 1950, at New York in captioned case and Washington Field Office letter to Bureau dated October 25, 1949, entitled [redacted] Espionage - R".

The Special Agents who conducted the surveillance at the residence of [redacted] on October 23, 1949, have since determined that the person who entered [redacted] home on that date was definitely not subject JEFFERS. There has been no indication that JEFFERS has contacted or attempted to contact anyone connected with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., since the period covered in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 2, 1949, at Washington, D. C., in captioned case.

Inasmuch as subject and his wife are currently residing in the territory covered by the New York Office, it is requested that New York be designated the Office of Origin. There are, at present, no outstanding leads to be covered by the Washington Field Office.

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CC: New York (100-91844)  
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 15, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, Was  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bufile 100-359726

Rerep of SA [redacted] New York, 1/4/50, wherein Confidential Informant T-13 was identified as [redacted] and that he was contacted by SA [redacted] on 10/29/47. This identification appears on page 13 of the referenced report.

A review of referenced report revealed that C.I. T-13 should be identified as [redacted]. This informant was not properly identified due to a typographical error. Subsequently it was learned that [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] instead of SA [redacted] on 10/29/47.

The Bureau and Washington Field are requested to note these changes and to correct your copies of referenced report accordingly.

cc - Washington Field (100-19893)

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SAC, Washington Field  
Director, FBI

March 7, 1950

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LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Your file #100-91893  
Bureau file #100-359726

Reurlet dated January 27, 1950, and report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated January 26, 1950, at New York.

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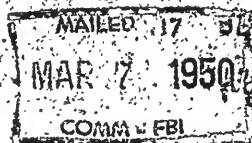
You are instructed to immediately submit Form FD-128  
designating New York as the office of origin in this case.

The New York Office is authorized to continue the investigation  
into subject's activities and may contact its reliable, established  
informants at Columbia University. In the event the New York Office  
desires to interview any student, faculty member or employee at Columbia  
University who is not a reliable, established informant of that office,  
Bureau authority must first be obtained. In requesting this authority  
the New York Office should furnish the Bureau the name, position and  
information concerning the reliability of any such person with whom  
an interview is desired.

cc - New York (100-91844)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bufile 100-359726)

DATE: March 21, 1950

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Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 717 Monroe Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Business Address: Student  
Columbia University  
New York City, New York

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The \_\_\_\_\_ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☒ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

1 Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

1. Report of SA   dated 4-6-49 at St. Louis, Missouri.
2. Report of SA   dated 9-6-49 at St. Louis, Missouri

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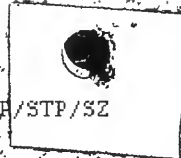
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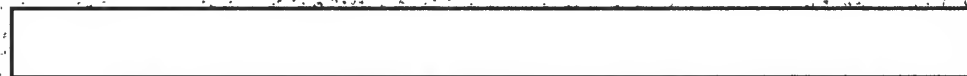
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Director, FBI

LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS  
Security Matter - C

It is noted from a review of this file that Lance Flippin Jeffers is associated with individuals having Communist connections and as yet there is no definite indication he is a member of the Party or actively engaged in Communist work.



you should submit a report as soon as possible of any additional investigation conducted by your office since the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 26, 1950, at New York.

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cc - San Francisco

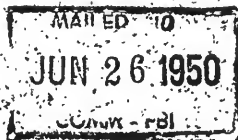
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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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SAC, New York

September 27, 1950

Director, FBI

LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
New York file 100-19893  
Bureau file 100-359726

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ReBulet June 26, 1950, in which you were requested to submit a report as soon as possible of any additional investigation conducted in this case since January, 1950.

In view of the fact Lance Flippin Jeffers is associated with individuals having Communist connections [redacted]

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[redacted] you are requested to submit a report without further delay. Please advise when a report containing current information will be submitted to the Bureau.

cc - San Francisco

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 20, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bureau File 100-359726)

Rebulet September 27, 1950.

This is to advise that this case has been reassigned for investigation. To date, because of the pressure of other expedite matters in connection with the Security Index Program, it has not been possible to give this case investigative attention.

As soon as the opportunity exists, possibly within the next three weeks, attention will be given to this case and a report will be submitted to the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 7, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bufile 100-359726)

Reference New York letter, 10/20/50.

For the Bureau's information, the agent to whom this case has been assigned is proceeding to San Juan on a special assignment for a limited period of time. Due to shortage of personnel, this case is not being reassigned.

A report in this matter will be submitted to the Bureau on the return to this office of said agent.

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NY FILE NO. 100-91844

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>FEB 21 1951</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/5; 6; 7/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>
TITLE <b>LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	
<p><b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</b></p> <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject born 11/28/19, Fremont, Nebraska. Member U. S. Army, November, 1942 to January, 1946. ASN 0-1542609. Divorced April, 1946 in Pennsylvania. Married [redacted] 1946 in NYC. Subject engaged in Communist activities. Member International Workers Order (which has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835). Described as a Communist by a reliable informant. In 1947 and 1949 an American Labor Party registrant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>Background Information</b></p> <p>Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised as follows concerning subject's Army record:</p> <p>Name: <b>LANCE F. JEFFERS</b>  Date of Birth: <b>November 28, 1919</b>  Place of Birth: <b>Fremont, Nebraska</b>  Army Serial Number: <b>0-1542609</b>  Sex: <b>Male</b>  Race: <b>Negro</b></p> <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Edward Scheidt</i></p> <p><b>COPY IN FILE</b></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>5 - Bureau (100-359726)  1 - San Francisco (Info) (100-30902)  3 - New York</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>RECORDED - 75</p> <p>EX-23</p>			

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Date entered active service U. S. Army: November 25, 1942  
Date separated from active service: January 22, 1946  
Nature of discharge: Honorable  
Addresses: 45 West 66 Street, New York City,  
as of January 24, 1946  
581 25th Avenue, San Francisco,  
California, at time of entry on  
active duty with United States Army  
38 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York,  
as of May 21, 1947  
873 Saint Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New  
York, as of July 29, 1949  
717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York,  
as of September 21, 1949  
Marital status: Married [redacted] February 2, 1943, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. b6  
[redacted] Divorced from same person April b7C  
22, 1946 in the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania, County of Dauphin.  
Married [redacted]  
[redacted]  
May 2, 1946, New York, New York.  
Education: Entered Columbia University, New York  
City, February 4, 1946, in General  
Courses. The length of the course  
was twelve months. The date of his  
last attendance, due to discontin-  
uance, was May 30, 1946, or June 4,  
1946.  
He commenced training as a student  
reporter with the "People's Voice",  
210 West 125 Street, New York City,  
on August 18, 1947. On December 20,  
22 or 27, 1947 this training was dis-  
continued.  
He reentered Columbia University from  
September 28, 1949 to June 3, 1950  
and again on September 27, 1950.

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Communist Party Activities

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that on May 28, 1947 LANCE JEFFERS was in contact with LILLIAN GATES, Assistant Legislative Director, New York State Communist Party. Subject at this time was interested in securing a job through the husband of the above mentioned LILLIAN GATES. T-2 stated that she was interested in seeing subject at this time.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that subject was a member of a delegation from New York City that arrived in Washington, D. C. June 2, 1948 for the purpose of defeating the Mundt-Nixon Bill, to lobby for the passage of anti-lynching laws, the setting up of a fair employment practices committee and accomplishing other unstated objectives.

Membership in Organization Cited by the Attorney General

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that LANCE JEFFERS, born 1919, was a member of Lodge Number 737 of the International Workers Order, as of December, 1946. The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

"Daily Worker", Publications of Subject's Activities. (The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper).

The January 19, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 13, column 5, on an advertisement by the New Century Publishers, which advertisement is headed "Book Director Subscriber to 'Mainstream'", sub-heading, "Winter, 1947, Contents", there appears among the contents "The Dawn Swings In" (story) by LANCE JEFFERS."

The February 11, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, column 2, under the heading "First 'Mainstream' Off the Press", there appears in the first paragraph of the article, "Something new, strong and handsome has been added to American Culture. It is 'Mainstream', the new literary quarterly that went on sale yesterday at \$.50 a copy."

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Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on June 15, 1947 that "Mainstream" is a Marxist literary quarterly and, according to the "Daily Worker" dated January 19, 1947, New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York 3, New York, are the national distributors for "Mainstream."

The January 2, 1948 issue of the "Daily Worker" announced that a Marxist cultural monthly magazine, "Masses and Mainstream" was to appear in March, 1948, and again contained an article in the February 8, 1948 issue of the "Worker" (an East Coast Communist Sunday newspaper), section 1, page 17, column 4, which stated that it "provides Marxist initiative and leadership on the cultural front; fights for progressive ideas in literature, art, politics, science...."

In the May 24, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker" there appeared, on page 13, column 4, under the caption "Movies" a "Letter to 'Home of the Brave'", which was an article on the movie by LANCE JEFFERS. JEFFERS stated the following in his letter:

".....First, it tells the American people that the Negro people are cowardly; accepting their alleged inferiority; that they do not want equality.

".....Secondly, 'Home of the Brave' tells the American people that the Negro people are not opposed themselves to their involvement, and therefore have no right to struggle.

".....Obviously, 'Home of the Brave's' philosophy is part and parcel of the phony 'free enterprise' philosophy...."

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised subject on July 25, 1949 wrote to the editor of the "Daily Worker" apologizing for using the word "Manana" in a parody about Civil Rights.

#### Other Activities

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, described subject as a Communist.

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Confidential Informant T-3 advised that at the beginning of March, 1949 LANCE JEFFERS, Negro Editorial Assistant of the "Soviet Information Bulletin" (of the Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C.) was dismissed from his position. (S)

Activities of Subject's Wife

An article appears in the May 1, 1949 issue of "Career", a news publication of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, page 4, column 3, under the heading "Two Locals Go to Protest Against Jim Crow," and a sub-heading "Negro Case Workers Hired by USNA." This article stated, "Less than three months after Local 19's 'Jobs for Negroes' Conference to hire Negro professionals, two Negro case workers have been hired in the Family Service Department of the United Service for New Americans."

".....and [redacted] will be the first Negro professional at USNA to have direct contact with clients, primarily Displaced Persons....."

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Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that United Service for New Americans, Incorporated is a private organization located at 15 Park Row, New York, New York, formed September 1, 1946 to provide for refugees and furnish shelter, food and employment for immigrants to the United States.

Election Records

In 1946 subject was a registrant of one of the two major political parties. His [redacted] was an American Labor Party registrant. In 1947 and 1949 both subject and his wife were American Labor Party registrants.

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Concerning the American Labor Party, the following appears in a Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, dated May 29, 1946 at Washington, D. C.:

"1. Support of the Communist Party to the above has been recognized by the appointment of a Communist to an official position in the City Government (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1938, page 356)."

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"2. Cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944 (pages 49, 77F, 153, 189)."

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Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, on May 11, 1947 advised of a message for [redacted] to call GR 3-1882 for LANCE JEFFERS or [redacted] ~~SECRET~~

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A copy of this report is being furnished the San Francisco Office for information purposes. [redacted]  
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will ascertain the current residence and employment addresses and consider submitting form FD 122 on the subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated FEB 21 1951 at New York, New York, are as follows:

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T-1 [redacted] Veterans Administration, 35 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, New York.

T-2 [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Washington Field Office.

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[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] and SE [redacted]

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T-5 [redacted] (U)

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Records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, secured by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] (U)

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New York, 6/26/50.

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".....Obviously, 'Home of the Brave's' philosophy is part and parcel of the phony 'free enterprise' philosophy....."

"The Worker" is the Sunday Edition of the "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised subject on July 25, 1949, wrote to the editor of the "Daily Worker" apologizing for using the word "Manana" in a parody about Civil Rights. (S) (U)

Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy with Communist Fronts

Washington Bookshop Association (WBA)

The Washington Bookshop Association has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 16, 1948, T-13, of known reliability, advised that a man who identified himself as LANCE JEFFERS, was at the office of the WBA in Washington, D.C. At that time JEFFERS indicated a desire to contact one, GEORGE MURPHY at the National Wallace for President Committee in New York City. The Informant also advised that [redacted]

[redacted] of the Association, spoke with her husband on that date saying that the friend "JEFF", the writer, about whom she had spoke the other day, was in the shop and wanted to come over to see the laundress about a job. [redacted] said that JEFF was a little late as no job was open. (U) (S) (U)

(S) (U) According to T-14, of known reliability, [redacted] in 1949, had been a member of the Communist Party in Washington for over fourteen years, and was active in many Communist front organizations. Her husband operates a public laundermat in Washington. (U) (S)

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discuss at sometime and comment on STRIGANOV's talk at some party concerning the negro question in America. STRIGANOV is the Cultural Attache at the Soviet Embassy.

On October 11, 1948, Informant T-8 advised that JEFFERS and his wife discussed the arrest. [redacted] said that she checked into the First Precinct and was advised that they are not charged with disorderly conduct but brought in on investigation. She said she had talked to the assistant editor of the "Times Herald" to see where they had obtained their facts and that the newspaper is supposed to check their story and kill it. [redacted] said if the "Times Herald" is wrong, there may be grounds for a libel suit. She added that the Civil Rights Committee is having an organizational meeting that night at 8:00 pm, at the Good Will Baptist Church, 16th and V Streets, N.W. [redacted] said she saw LANCE's friend and he told her that [redacted] (last name not mentioned) will be there that night and give them the information. (S) (U)

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In connection with the above, T-18, of known reliability, advised that LANCE JEFFERS contacted [redacted] of the local Communist Party and asked [redacted] if he had been to see a lawyer "on this business" (meaning the arrest). [redacted] replied that he had and asked if "they" had not sent word. LANCE said that they had not. [redacted] then told LANCE that [redacted] was supposed to have given LANCE the word on it. LANCE asked if [redacted] meant through the other guy that works at the office and [redacted] then replied that [redacted] was supposed to give it to LANCE directly. LANCE told [redacted] that he does not know [redacted] then told LANCE, "He said that he thinks it is best for them too, you know--for you to go ahead--and register." LANCE said that he had wanted to get some kind of word from somebody who knew something rather than just go ahead and do it. (C) (U)

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[redacted] then remarked that he would see LANCE sometime and said he would see LANCE the following night if he would be at the Civil Rights Congress affair at the Masonic Hall. LANCE said that he did not plan to be there and asked who would speak. [redacted] said it would be a Civil Rights Congress mass meeting and that [redacted] would speak. LANCE said that he had forgotten all about this and had made other plans but that he would like to buy a couple of tickets anyway "just so as to be loyal." (C) (U)

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LANCE then asked [redacted] why he and his wife did not come over to see him. Upon [redacted] statement that he did not know how he would be on getting out, LANCE suggested that perhaps he could drop by [redacted] house. He said he would give [redacted] a ring the following week and maybe they could plan it for the next week-end. (C) (U)

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In view of the above conversation, it is believed that [redacted] referred to [redacted] in the previous conversation. [redacted] is the [redacted]

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It is to be noted that [redacted] was the [redacted] of the "Daily Worker" described above, and [redacted] according to T-14, is a national committeeman of the Communist Party. (C) (U)

[redacted] is the [redacted] of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. D.E.

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(U) T-2 advised that on March 12, 1949, [redacted] of the Civil Rights Congress, talked with JEFFERS concerning JEFFERS' discharge from the "USSR Information Bulletin." JEFFERS said "opportunism has risen its head in the last place where he expected it to" according to the informant.

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JEFFERS also indicated that he was very surprised that un-named individuals would take the position that they did. (S)(U)

In connection with the same matter, T-19, of known reliability, advised on March 14, 1949, that JEFFERS had introduced himself to [ ] stating that he did not know [ ] but desired to see him on an urgent matter. Informant stated that [ ] said he did not want to get involved with something not his business, but JEFFERS said it was very much his business, so [ ] agreed to see him. (S)(U)

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JEFFERS wanted [ ] to see a letter or statement which the former had submitted to an unstated place so that [ ] would be sure and get the facts accurate, inasmuch as JEFFERS anticipated unfavorable rumors concerning himself. JEFFERS said his point was that this (apparently meaning his discharge) was a case of national oppression and that [ ] had a stake whether he wanted or not, to which [ ] agreed. Informant indicated that [ ] kept reiterating his position that he did not want to become involved in the matter as he desired to be in a position where he could approach it objectively; however, JEFFERS insisted that [ ] accept the document and the latter finally said he would withhold judgement until he saw it. (S)(U)

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The conversation continued in a cryptic manner with JEFFERS explaining that the un-named matter was not "anti-business" but local opportunism, further that he did not want any rumors going against him or against the other country (probably Russia). (S)(U)

Informant subsequently advised that on March 16, 1949, JEFFERS was in the office of [ ] and gave him the aforementioned document which the informant did not see. Informant did learn, however, that JEFFERS wanted to get the document back within one or two days and [ ] indicated he would take it to his home where he would study it and make notes. (S)(U)

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T-2 [redacted]	Awaiting documentation from WFO.			b2
T-3 [redacted] Montclair, N.J. (Post Office)	Residence	12/10/54	SA [redacted]	100-91844-53 b6 b7C
T-4 [redacted]	Change of residence.	11/18/54	SA [redacted]	100-91844-52 b6 b7C b7D
T-5 Pretext interview with LANCE F. JEFFERS, 717 Monroe St., Brooklyn, NY.	Residence	1/29/53	SA [redacted]	100-91844-39 b6 b7C b7D

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T-6 Pretext telephone call to [redacted]	Residence	November, 1949	SA [redacted] [redacted]	100-91844-19 b6 b7C
T-7 Pretext calls made by [redacted] [redacted] Switch- board operator, NYO, to [redacted]	Residence	12/9/49	SA [redacted] [redacted]	100-91844-19 b6 b7C
T-8 [redacted]	Awaiting documentation from WFO.			b2
T-9 [redacted]	Used to document LILLIAN GATES.			
	One LANCE JEFFERS, IWO member, December, 1946.	Unknown	SA [redacted] [redacted] SE [redacted] [redacted]	100-2936-1A 651 b6 b7C

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T-10 Former [redacted]	Used to document American Veterans Committee.			
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T-11 [redacted]	Used to document Mainstream.			
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T-12 [redacted]	Wrote to editor of the "DW".	7/25/49	SA [redacted] [redacted] and SE [redacted]	
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T-13 [redacted]	Awaiting documentation from WFO.			
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T-14 [redacted]	Used to document [redacted]			
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T-15 [redacted]	Used to document ALP.			
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T-16 [redacted]	Used to document ALP.			
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T-17 Confidential Informant [redacted]	Awaiting documentation from WFO.			
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T-18 [REDACTED]	Awaiting documentation from WFO.			
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T-19 [REDACTED]	Awaiting documentation from WFO.			
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T-20 [REDACTED]	Used to document [REDACTED]			
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"USSR Information Bulletin."

T-21 Former [REDACTED]	Used to document THEODORE WARD.			
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T-22 [REDACTED]	Used to document [REDACTED]			
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T-23 [REDACTED]	Used to document [REDACTED]			
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T-24 Birmingham letter, 5/19/50.	Subject in contact with [REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	100-91844-36
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T-25 [REDACTED] Columbia Heights P.O., Washington, D.C.	Change of residence, 1949		Agent WFO	100-91844-6
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-359726)

FROM : LVB *mm* SAC New York (100-91844)

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 3/9/53

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 05-29-2008 BY UC 60322 LP/STP/SZ

*no*  
*45* There are enclosed herein five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/53 at New York. *1-5-1*

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A review of the subject's file indicates he has been associated with individuals having Communist connections, however, there is no specific information indicating actual membership in the Communist Party.

Further, there is no indication he has actively engaged in Communist Party activities or Communist work. The file indicates that JEFFERS was primarily involved in Communist line activities in connection with Negro activities and has written articles appearing in Communist publications.

It will be noted that the subject is a Negro and aspires to be a writer. [redacted]

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*5-8* In view of the fact that there is no conclusive evidence indicating that JEFFERS was a Communist Party member or that he would be in a position to furnish valuable information relative to Communist Party activities and further that his mother and uncle are furnishing information to the San Francisco Office, no request for permission to interview JEFFERS is being made. *B*

It is also pointed out that the possibility exists that an interview with JEFFERS [redacted]

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New York

At New York, New York:

Will await the Bureau's decision as recommended on Form FD-122 as submitted.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/9/53, New York.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, wa.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject resides 717 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, New York. Employed by "Peoples Voice" 1947. In 1947 subject and LILLIAN GATES appeared before Mayor of NYC as representatives of East NY CP. Registered ALP in 1949. Contacted member of CP in Alabama about 1950.

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6-24-53*

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**DETAILS: Education**

On October 29, 1951,  Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, was contacted by SA

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advised that the school records reflect that LANCE JEFFERS was admitted to Teachers College in February, 1951 and attended to August, 1951. The records reflect that JEFFERS had previously attended Columbia University, School of General Studies in the spring term of 1946 and from September, 1949 to February, 1951 when he was graduated with a BSc Degree Cum Laude.

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These records reflect that JEFFERS has attended the following schools:

1932 to 1936

Galileo High School  
San Francisco, California

January, 1938 to May, 1938

Continuation High School  
San Francisco, California - graduated

August, 1938 to May, 1939

Santa Rosa Junior College  
Santa Rosa, California

August, 1939 to May, 1940

San Francisco State Teachers College  
San Francisco, California

August, 1940 to June, 1941

University of California  
Berkeley, California

Marital Status

The records of the Veterans Administration, 35 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, New York were reviewed on March 18, 1952 by SA [redacted]. These records reflect that JEFFERS married [redacted] on February 2, 1943 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and divorced her on April 22, 1946 in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. [redacted]

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On May 2, 1946, he married [redacted] at New York, New York. These records further reflect [redacted]

Employment

[redacted] Personnel, City Public School System, Columbia, South Carolina, advised that JEFFERS was employed in the Booker T. Washington School at Columbia in July, 1951 and began his active duties about September 1, 1951.

JEFFERS was an English teacher and left this position on June 7, 1952. [redacted] stated that JEFFERS was not highly rated by his superiors and was not rehired for the school year of 1952 to 1953. JEFFERS was considered to be high strung, temperamental, hot tempered, opinionated and did not get along well with teachers or students.

[redacted] records reflect in a personal history sheet concerning JEFFERS, that JEFFERS was a reporter on "Peoples Voice" from June, 1947 to June, 1948.

[redacted] advised that he has never heard anything which would reflect on the loyalty of the subject. He stated that he would have heard if there had been anything unfavorably concerning the subject as he was closely associated with the subject's supervisor and principal.

The records of the Veterans Administration reflect that JEFFERS received "on the job" training as a newspaperman from about May, 1947 to December, 1947 with "Peoples Voice".

The records of Columbia University also reflect that JEFFERS was a "free lance writer" from June, 1946 to September, 1949 in New York City.